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SUBJECT: FRG AID TO SYRIA

1. SYRIAN PRESS ANNOUNCED THAT MINPLANNING HOURANIYEH SIGNED NEW AID AGREEMENT IN BONN JUNE 16 TOTALLING DM 110 MILLION (DM 100 MILLION DEVELOPMENT LOAN AND DM 10 MILLION TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE GRANT). ACCORDING TO FRG EMBASSY, THE LOAN WILL ALLOCATE DM 65 MILLION TO FINANCE GHAB DEVELOPMENT PROJECT (ORONTES RIVER IRRIGATION SCHEME) AND DM 35 MILLION FOR FRUIT TREE PLANTING. THE DM 10 MILLION GRANT WILL BE USED TO FINANCE CROP SPRAYING AND TO ESTABLISH A VOCATIONAL TRAINING INSTITUTE.

2. FRG EMBASSY ALSO CONFIRMED PRESS REPORTS THAT FRG WILL ALLOCATE DM 140 MILLION FOR THE BANIAS THERMAL POWER GENERATING STATION (SEE 76 DAMASCUS 0093); DM THREE MILLION FOR FINANCING AGRICULTURAL STUDIES, AND DM 200 THOUSAND FOR STUDIES ON REFRIGERATED POTATO UNCLASSIFIED

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STORAGE FACILITIES. THESE LATTER WILL BE FINANCED BY UNALLOCATED MONIES FROM THE DC 210 MILLION DEVELOPMENT LOANS FOR CY 74, 75 AND 76 ALLOCATED BY FRG TO SYRIA. OTHER PROJECTS THAT HAD BEEN CONSIDERED FOR GERMAN AID PROJECTS HAD BEEN FRG ASSISTANCE TO AN IBRD PROJECT IN THE EUPHRATES -- WHICH THE FRG REJECTED BECAUSE OF TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES WITH

FEASIBILITY STUDY -- AND A COMPREHENSIVE TRANSPORTATION STUDY WHICH THE SYRIAN GOVT PREFERRED BE GRANT-FINANCED AND HAS NOW OFFICIALLY REQUESTED FROM USAID.

3. FRG CY 1977 AID TOTALS OF DM 110 REPRESENTS SUBSTANTIAL (57 PERCENT) INCREASE OVER DM 70 MILLION PROGRAMS EACH YEAR SINCE 1974. GERMANS ALSO GRATIFIED THAT THEY NOW ABLE ALLOCATE ALL THEIR AID MONIES AGAINST VIABLE PROJECTS. INABILITY TO ALLOCATE TWO-THIRDS OF FUNDS APPROPRIATED IN LAST THREE YEARS (ATTRIBUTED TO BUREAUCRATIC DIFFICULTIES ON BOTH SIDES) HAD BEEN EMBARRASSMENT TO BILATERAL RELATIONS.

4. FOR USDOC: NOTE FRG AID NOT TIED TO FRG COMPANIES. AT THIS READING, IT APPEARS THAT FRENCH FIRM HAS INSIDE TRACK ON BANIAS POWER STATION, BUT MATTER NOT YET CLOSED. OTHER PROJECTS ENUMERATED ABOVE MAY ALSO PROVE ATTRACTIVE POSSIBILITIES FOR U.S. FIRMS.
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